

September 19, 2021
10:00 a.m.
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation *(for silent meditation before worship)*

Lord, you make yourself known to all who seek Thee. Speak to me through this service today! I pray in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delia Zelazny

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, deed, and inaction. Forgive us and help us to draw closer to you and act in ways that are pleasing in your sight. We cry out to you through Jesus the Christ and our Lord. Amen *(silence for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Thank you, Father for cleansing us through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus our Lord.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

*OPENING HYMN #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

Let us confess the faith of the Church as one, using the words of the Apostles' Creed. Church, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He

descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*universal)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: John 3:3 (N.T. pg. 93), John 6:35 (N.T. pg. 98),
John 8:12 (N.T. pg. 101), John 8:58 (N.T. pg. 102),
John 11:25-26 (N.T. pg. 105), John 14:6 (N.T. pg. 108),
& Revelation 3:20 (N.T. pg. 247)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON:

"The Real Truth About Jesus!"

Rev. Dr. David Bucci

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #306

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lead Me, Lord”

John D. Becker

*Please stand if able

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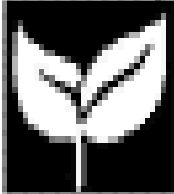
Rev. Dr. David Bucci Bio:

Dr. David Bucci is no stranger to New Jersey where he graduated from Bloomfield Seminary, was ordained by the Newark Presbytery, attended Princeton Seminary, served in Newark, Aberdeen and was in charge of Evangelism for the Synod of NJ. He also attended Fuller Theological Seminary and received his Doctorate of Ministry from California Graduate School of Theology. David also served as pastors in NY at Mineola & Garden City as well as New Haven, CT. After he retired, he served in NJ as Director of Education in Wayne and Marlboro where he now abides.

JESUS

THE WAY, 

 THE TRUTH,

THE LIFE. 

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Prayers for those with long-term concerns

We ask that these friends have God in their lives, that they and their families feel His loving presence, and comfort during their continued struggles. Updates will be printed as available.

Jennifer Perez – RSD/CRPS, & gastroparesis

Maria - a friend of the Knotts and Haggerty families; she is in an acute care facility for traumatic brain injury.

Friends and Loved Ones in the Service and their Families

STATESIDE

Robert L. Gillis – invasive cardiovascular technologist in the US Navy and stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington DC, grandson of Barbara & Bill Morgan.

Lauren Hansen-Salmond – 1st LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Amy Updike

Rob – serving in the U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA. - Lynn & Wayne Dubin's son.

Anthony Service – U.S. Air Force, in San Antonio.

OVERSEAS

Jeffrey Hansen – 1st LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's nephew

The children and youth in our congregation and our youth ministry
Racial equality reconciliation in Woodbridge Township and our nation.

Our ministry partners –

Boys Town

Camp Johnsonburg

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

Elijah's Promise, New Jersey

Elizabeth Port Presbyterian Church Children's Center, NJ

International Justice Mission, Washington DC

Mr. Matt Barany Jr., who serves with Second Level Ministry

Reliant Redemption Church, Pennsylvania

Navajo Ministries

Salvation Army of Perth Amboy, NJ

Saint Jude's Children's Hospital of Memphis, Tennessee

Walter Hoving Home

World Vision

Prayer Concerns and Praises *September 19, 2021*

The Prayer Chain - provides immediate prayer for *critical and emergency situations*. All other needs will be taken care of through the prayer list. To place someone on the prayer chain call Millie Knotts at 732-382-9391.

The Prayer List - provides opportunities to share prayer within our church family. Prayer requests will be published for up to 6 weeks unless updated. To add someone to this list call the church office at 732-634-1631.

(Note: Please be sure the person you are adding to this list has given his or her permission to do so).

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people”

Ephesians 6:18

New Joys and Concerns

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

6th Week

Prayers and Sympathies

*We would like to give our sincere condolences to Charlie, Stephanie
and their extended families on the passing of Charlie's mom,
Lois Edge.*

SHUT-INS

*Please continue to keep in your prayers those members who are
unable to join us for worship on Sundays.*

Health and Healing

Carol Palmer and Jen Perez

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is **to grow in Christ and make Him known**. This is based on John 15:5: "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches, apart from me you can do nothing." The Holy Spirit strengthens us to:

1. **Connect** to the vine,
2. **Grow** to maturity,
3. **Share** the fruit

STEWARDSHIP 2021

In an effort to help our congregation track our annual budget as it compares to giving, the Session has decided to include a brief monthly report. We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and are completely dependent upon tithes, offerings, and donations to fulfill our budgeted expenses.

	General Fund Balance	Net for the month	YTD
12/31/2020	\$109,515.39		
01/31/2021	\$104,658.48	\$(4,856.91)	\$(4,856.91)
02/28/2021	\$100,834.39	\$(3,824.09)	\$(8,681.00)
03/31/2021	\$ 94,305.80	\$(6,528.59)	\$(15,209.59)
04/30/2021	\$ 88,398.27	\$(5,907.53)	\$(21,117.12)
05/31/2021	\$ 86,186.03	\$(2,212.24)	\$(23,329.36)
06/30/2021	\$ 83,254.27	\$(2,931.76)	\$(26,261.12)
07/31/2021	\$ 70,951.00	\$(12,303.27)	\$(38,564.39)
08/31/2021	\$ 71,414.52	\$ 463.52	\$(38,100.87)

CHURCH PROPERTY STEWARDS NEEDED (for pay) – When we rent church property such as the gym (Westminster Hall) or Jacob Morgan Hall, a church member must be present on site. Stewards open/close the building and oversee good property stewardship. For their service, stewards are paid \$12/hour (by renters). If you are able to serve in this way (occasionally or regularly), or have questions or would like more information, please call the church office from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING. WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE! WE BELIEVE YOU ARE HERE FOR A DIVINE PURPOSE. LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU TODAY!

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, September 19, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher – David Bucci)
Live Stream-Facebook

MONDAY, September 20, 2021

TUESDAY, September 21, 2021

7:00 p.m. Session Mtg – KHL

WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021

FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

THURSDAY, September 23, 2021

8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering – Dial In

FRIDAY, September 24, 2021

SATURDAY, September 25, 2021

SUNDAY, September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher – Brooks Smith)
Live Stream-Facebook

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – will begin in October. Dates to follow shortly.

YOUTH GROUP – will begin in October. Dates to follow shortly.

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: September 26th & October 3rd. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

CHILD CARE – is available for infants and those not yet in Kindergarten in the care room in the back of the Sanctuary. Please let an usher know if you would like to have your child there during the service. We will have a Toddler Care volunteer to help.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES – if you are mailing your envelopes, please use the Church Office's address: 621 East Woodbridge Avenue **NOT** the Manse address: 631 East Woodbridge Avenue.

PRAYER GATHERING – Dial in every Thursday evening at 8:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kosakowski

AMAZON JOB OPPORTUNITY – the Amazon team in New Jersey is hiring. Please visit amazon.com/njhourlyjobs if interested or text JERSERYNOW1 to 77088 to sign up for alerts from Amazon.

HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY – the American Irish Association of Woodbridge will host a fair today from 1:00pm – 5:00pm at the Woodbridge High School Concert Field. Live Music, Raffles, Step Dancers, Pipes & Drums, Vendors, etc. Fun for the whole family.

WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE STREAM – Beginning today, we will live stream our 10 am service on Facebook. We hope you will join us online if you will not be attending at the church. Please tell your friends and especially shut-ins. Also, let the church office know if you would like a bulletin emailed.

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, September 26, 2021, is Rev. Brooks Smith. He grew up in Chicago and Albany, New York. He received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1970 and was ordained in 1971 to serve the Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) Presbyterian Church. In 1995, he received a Master of Science degree from the New School University in non-profit management. In 1973, he became the Associate pastor at the 3000- member First Presbyterian Church of Allentown (Pa). In 1978, he came to pastor the Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. He retired in 2007.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

Visitors, we welcome you to this morning's time of worship. If you are looking for a church home or would like to explore the meaning of membership at Avenel Presbyterian Church, please ask an usher, the worship assistant or Pastor Bob.

Joseph Fernandez
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Scripture for Sunday, September 26th

Ephesians 6:10-20